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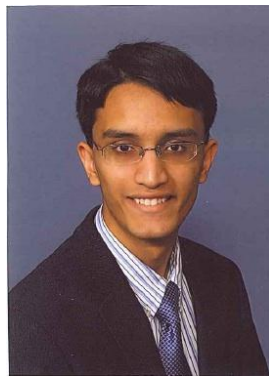
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MILLARD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS RECEIVE NATIONAL ADVANCE PLACEMENT AWARDS



Mohit Jain



Yan Zang

Mohit Jain, a senior at Millard North High School, and Yan Zhang, a senior at Millard West High School, were recently named the Nebraska state winners of the 2011 Siemens Awards for Advanced Placement, a signature program of the Siemens Foundation administered by the College Board.

The awards recognize America's top achievers in Advanced Placement Program science and mathematics courses with a \$2,000 college scholarship to one male and one female student in each state. Two national winners are also recognized, each receiving a \$5,000 scholarship. This year, 101 high school students in 50 states – including 96 seniors, 4 juniors and 1 sophomore – were recognized.

"These students lead the nation in performance on Advanced Placement math and science courses and we are proud to recognize them for their academic excellence," said Jeniffer

Harper-Taylor, President of the Siemens Foundation.

"Over the last 13 years, AP exams have become the gold standard of academic rigor in schools across the world," said College Board president Gaston Caperton. "Today the College Board and our partners at the Siemens Foundation recognize 101 students who have risen to meet this standard and exceed it. I am incredibly proud of the hard work put in by each and every one of them, and I look forward to watching them grow up to change the world."

MOHIT JAIN

Total AP Courses Taken to Date: 12

Favorite AP Class: Chemistry

Notable Accomplishments: Elected to the Generation On National Youth

Advisory Council

Plans for College Study: Pre-Med

Career Aspirations: Physician

Hobbies: National Youth Council for the American Red Cross

What sparked his interest in science & math? Conducting research on diabetes

YAN ZHANG

Total AP Courses Taken to Date: 14

Favorite AP Class: Physics

Notable Accomplishments: Recipient of the Travis B. Lewis Scholarship for
an internship at the University of Nebraska Medical Center

Plans for College Study: International Relations

Career Aspirations: Foreign Diplomat

Hobbies: Creative arts

What sparked her interest in science & math? Picking up books about planets and dinosaurs

Encouraging students to pursue academic careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) is a national priority. Students who take AP math and science courses major in STEM fields at significantly higher rates than other students, according to the study, "AP Students in College: An Analysis of Five-Year Academic Careers," released by the College Board in 2007. Student participation in AP science and mathematics courses grew 7.2 percent to 733,631 students from 2010 to 2011.

For a complete list of winners and to view multimedia assets associated with this release, please click:

<http://www.multivu.com/mnr/54202-siemens-foundation-math-scienceadvanced-placement-awards>

Established in 1998, the Siemens Awards for Advanced Placement award \$2,000 college scholarships to students from each of the 50 states who have earned the greatest number of scores of 5 on exams in the following AP® courses:

Biology, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science A, Environmental Science, Statistics, Physics C Mechanics and Physics C Electricity and Magnetism.

The Siemens Foundation provides more than \$7 million annually in support of educational initiatives in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) in the United States. Its signature programs include the Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology, Siemens Awards for Advanced Placement, and The Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge, which encourages K-12 students to develop innovative green solutions for environmental issues. By supporting outstanding students today, and recognizing the teachers and schools that inspire their excellence, the Foundation helps nurture tomorrow's scientists and engineers. The Foundation's mission is based on the culture of innovation, research and educational support that is the hallmark of Siemens' U.S. companies and its parent company, Siemens AG. For more information, visit www.siemens-foundation.org.

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